Area Covered under Public Distribution Scheme

731. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to cover more areas under Public Distribution scheme; and

(b) if so, give details of the areas and names of district of Rajasthan to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process. The Central Government has advised State Government/UT Administrations who primarily implement the PDS among other things, to open more FPSs in uncovered and undercovered areas, to use vans as mobile outlets of PDS items in far-flung and remote areas and to issue ration cards to all families both in urban and rural areas.

(b) Rajasfhan Government has reported that all thirty districts have been covered by PDS. There are 10815 FPSs in rural areas and 3858 FPSs in urban areas. During 1 y91-92, 250 new FPSs are proposed to be opened in the State, particularly in tribal districts of Dungarpur. Banswa-ra, Ovrtorgarh, Sirohi. Udaipur and Baran (Sfaahabad Sub-Division).

Viable electronic industries

732. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

Ca) which are the specific electronic indusfies which wo'ild be viable in our country for exports and also for internal demands. and

fb") what kind of special assistance Government propose to extend for such Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHR1-MATl MARGARET ALVA): (a) Electronics industries in the areas of consumer j electronics, control instrumentation, and indutrial electronics computers, communication and broadcasting equipment, electronic components and computer software are y'able for both exports and domestic markets. A list of specific electronic items identified for export is annexed. *(See* Statement below)

, (b) The Jmport-Export Polity provides for various incentives for the growth of electronics exports Assistance is also provided for participation at specialised international trade fairs, seminars, conferences and other promotional programmes. Through a network of laboratories under etie Standardisation, Testing and Quality Control Directorate of the Department of Electronics, assistance is provided in getting international quality standard certifications.

Statement

Electronic items having export potential

(a) Computers, Computer peripherals and Related Items

— Personal Computers (PO, POXT, PClAT)
— Printers
— Floppy Disk Drives
— Monitors
— Keyboards
— Mother Boards Memory Modules

(b) Components and Materials

— Capacitors
— Resistors
— Semi-conductor Devices
— Monochrome Picture Tubes (36 cm and 51 cm screen size)
— ColouT TV Picture Tube
— Deflection Components (for Monochrome & Colour TV applications)
— TV Tuners

_ Printed Circuit Boards

—Magnetic Tapes (audiojvideo)

_ Floppy Diskettes

_ Audio|Video Tape Housing

— Switches

— Audio Tape Deck Mechanism

— Ferrites

— Permanent Magnets

_ Transformers

__Telescopic aerials

—Coppe$_r$ Cladlaminates

_ Hybrid Micro Circuits

_ Silvered Mica Plates

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(c) *Communication and Broadcasting Items*

— Antennas

_ Satellite Communication Equipment

_ Telephone Instruments

_ Electronic Private Automatic Branch Exchange (EPABX) Systems

— RAX (Rural Automatic Exchange)

— 2MB Primatry PCM

_ Two may Communication equip ment

_ TV Broadcasting Equipment

(d) Consumer Items

_ Monochrome & Colour TV sets

_ Audio systems|Audio Cassette Re- corders

_ PA Svstems

_ Radio (FM/AM) and its combinations

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_ Pre-recorded A«MVMeo Cassettes

(e) Computer Software and Consul- tancy Services

(/) *Electronic Instruments*

— Uninterrupted Power Supplies

— Milk Analyser

— Oscilloscopes

— Telecom Test Equipment

— Electromedical Equipment

— Office Equipments

733. *[Transferred to 29th July,* 1991].

Delay in public sectoi projects

734. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whet'ner it is a fact that a number of public sector projects are delayed;

(b) if so, the number of such projects;

(c) what would be the amount of escalated cost for these projects; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for clearing these projects speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDE- PENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per monitoring system of Deptt. of Programme Implementation, as on 1st April 1991, 181 central projects, each costing over Rs. 20 crore, were delayed witn respect to the latest approved schedule and their total latest anticipated cost was of the order of Rs. 53, 400 crore.

(d) The Deptt. of Programme Imple- mentation has been monitoring the im- plementation of these proiect$_s$ and has been hie'n1ightin« the problem areas for appropriate and timely action bv th$_P$ con- cerned authorities, in order to expedite the timely completion of the projects.